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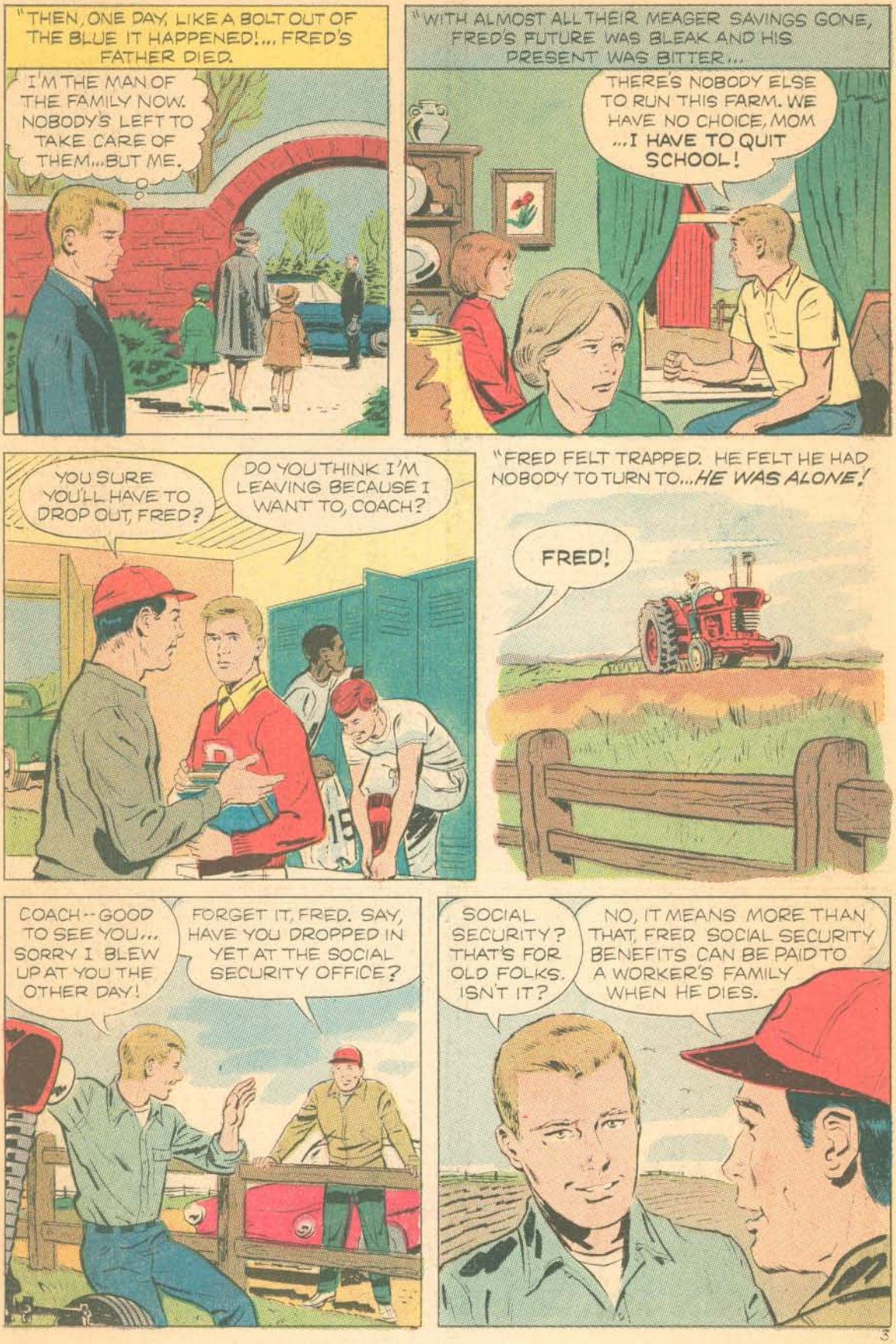
DO YOU HAVE A MINUTE TO SPARE? I HAVE FOUR VERY SHORT STORIES TO TELL. I'M PRETTY SURE YOU'LL FIND THEM INTERESTING. THE FIRST ONE IS ABOUT A BOY WHO ALMOST SAID...
GOOD-BY TOO SOON!

"FRED LOCKHART WAS HIS NAME AND EVERYTHING SEEMED TO BE GOING HIS WAY. HE WAS PRESIDENT OF THE JUNIOR CLASS AT PLAINVIEW HIGH AND CAPTAIN OF THE BASEBALL TEAM. FRED'S FUTURE SEEMED ROSY AND HIS PRESENT SEEMED...
SAFE!

"THAT YOUNG FARM BOY HAD WHAT IT TAKES! AFTER SCHOOL, HE'D RUSH RIGHT HOME AND HELP HIS FATHER WITH THE WORK...
WISH I COULD AFFORD A HIRED HAND, FRED.
FORGET IT, DAD. NOW YOU JUST TRY TO TAKE IT EASY. YOU'VE BEEN LOOKING TIRED LATELY.


"THEN, ONE DAY, LIKE A BOLT OUT OF THE BLUE IT HAPPENED!... FRED'S FATHER DIED.
I'M THE MAN OF THE FAMILY NOW. NOBODY'S LEFT TO TAKE CARE OF THEM...BUT ME.
"WITH ALMOST ALL THEIR MEAGER SAVINGS GONE, FRED'S FUTURE WAS BLEAK AND HIS PRESENT WAS BITTER...
THERE'S NOBODY ELSE TO RUN THIS FARM. WE HAVE NO CHOICE, MOM ...I HAVE TO QUIT SCHOOL!
YOU SURE YOU'LL HAVE TO DROP OUT, FRED?
DO YOU THINK I'M LEAVING BECAUSE I WANT TO, COACH?
"FRED FELT TRAPPED. HE FELT HE HAD NOBODY TO TURN TO...HE WAS ALONE!
FRED!
COACH -- GOOD TO SEE YOU... SORRY I BLEW UP AT YOU THE OTHER DAY!
FORGET IT, FRED. SAY, HAVE YOU DROPPED IN YET AT THE SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE?
SOCIAL SECURITY? THAT'S FOR OLD FOLKS, ISN'T IT?
NO, IT MEANS MORE THAN THAT, FRED! SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS CAN BE PAID TO A WORKER'S FAMILY WHEN HE DIES.

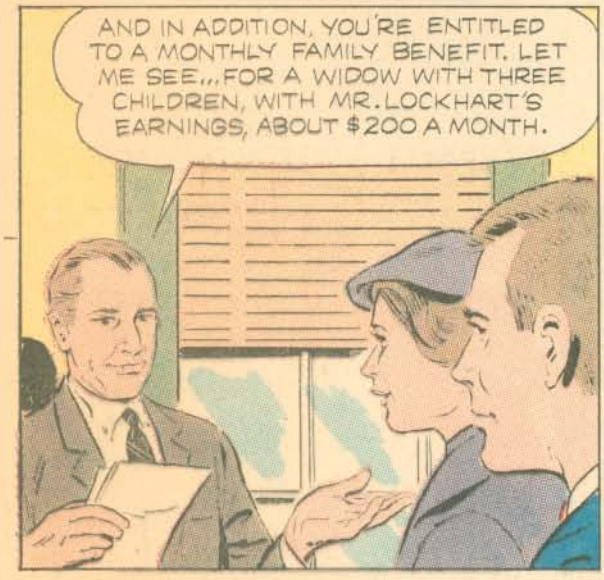
"A FEW DAYS LATER IN THE SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE...

SIT DOWN, MRS. LOCKHART. YOU, TOO, FRED. DID YOU BRING THE RECORDS WE TALKED ABOUT FOR LAST YEAR?

YES, SIR. HERE THEY ARE.

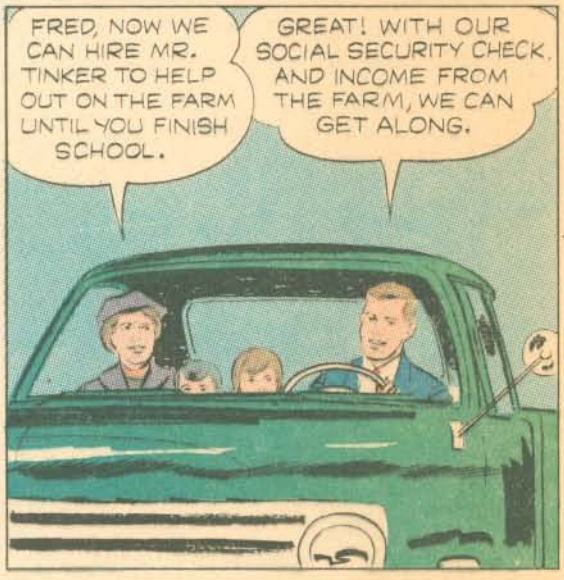
OUR RECORDS OF MR. LOCKHART'S EARNINGS SHOW HE WAS INSURED UNDER SOCIAL SECURITY. WE CAN PAY YOU $255 IN A LUMP SUM!

AND IN ADDITION, YOU'RE ENTITLED TO A MONTHLY FAMILY BENEFIT. LET ME SEE... FOR A WIDOW WITH THREE CHILDREN, WITH MR. LOCKHART'S EARNINGS, ABOUT $200 A MONTH.

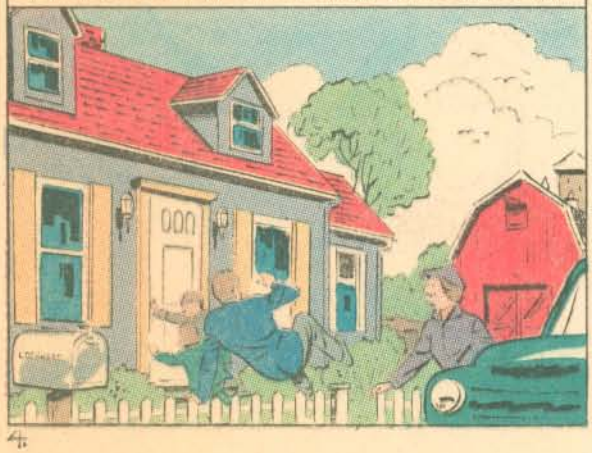


FRED, NOW WE CAN HIRE MR. TINKER TO HELP OUT ON THE FARM UNTIL YOU FINISH SCHOOL.

GREAT! WITH OUR SOCIAL SECURITY CHECK AND INCOME FROM THE FARM, WE CAN GET ALONG.



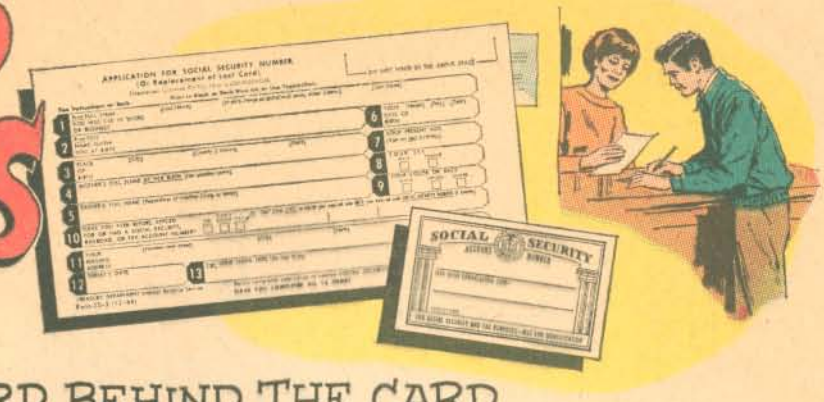
"FRED COULD HAVE SAVED HIMSELF A LOT OF HEARTACHE IF HE'D INQUIRED AT THE SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE PROMPTLY AFTER HIS FATHER'S DEATH. BUT ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL. FRED'S FUTURE WAS ROSY AGAIN..."



"AND HIS PRESENT WAS...

SAFE!"

CARD FACTS



THE CARD BEHIND THE CARD...

THE APPLICATION THAT YOU FILL OUT WHEN APPLYING FOR A SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER IS CALLED A FORM SS-5. WHEN YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER HAS BEEN ASSIGNED AND PLACED ON IT, YOUR SS-5 IS SENT TO THE SOCIAL SECURITY RECORDKEEPING HEADQUARTERS NEAR BALTIMORE, MARYLAND.

IF LAID END TO END THE 180,000,000 FORM SS-5'S ON FILE THERE WOULD REACH 20,738 MILES...

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EVERY FAMOUS STAR, ALONG WITH NEARLY EVERYBODY WITH A JOB, HAS FILLED OUT AND SIGNED AN **SS-5.**

"MY SECOND STORY IS ABOUT A BOY NAMED JOE HARRIS. JOE HAD JUST BEEN GRADUATED. HE WAS OUT HUNTING FOR HIS FIRST FULL-TIME JOB. AND THAT'S HOW HE CAME TO MEET UP WITH--
The SMART ALECK!
HEY, FELLA, WATCH OUT...
FOR THE FURNITURE!
PRIVATE
UP, BOY, UP... SAY, AREN'T YOU JOE HARRIS?
I'M REX MONTGOMERY, REMEMBER ME? I PLAYED FOR ROOSEVELT HIGH.
YEAH, I REMEMBER YOU ALL RIGHT. YOU WERE A GREAT QUARTERBACK.

IN PERSON. AND YOU WERE THE GUARD WHO KEPT SMEARING ME... YOU UP HERE FOR A JOB TOO, JOE? BETTER GRAB YOURSELF AN APPLICATION BLANK AND START MAKING WITH A PEN!
PRIVATE
"JOE WROTE SLOWLY AND STEADILY. HE WANTED THIS JOB. HE COULD THINK OF NOTHING ELSE. THAT'S WHY HE HAD STUMBLED. AND THAT'S WHY REX'S STREAM OF CHATTER WAS GETTING ON HIS NERVES NOW...
HUSTLE IT, JOE! HUSTLE IT!
JUST THEN...
O.K., BOYS, I'M FREE NOW. WHICH ONE OF YOU WAS HERE FIRST?
I WAS, SIR.
"JOE WAITED. THE MINUTES DRAGGED BY. BEADS OF SWEAT APPEARED ON HIS FOREHEAD...
WON'T THAT SMART ALECK EVER STOP TALKING IN THERE?
O.K., SON, YOU MAY COME IN, NOW.
HE'S JUST BEING POLITE. THERE'S NO JOB OPENING ANY MORE... NOT AFTER THE SMOOTH LINE THAT SMART ALECK MUST'VE HANDED HIM!

BUT THEN...
JUST WAIT OUTSIDE FOR A FEW MINUTES, PLEASE--I HAVE TO MAKE A PHONE CALL.

HOW'D IT GO, JOE? DID HE GRILL YOU BUT GOOD? WHAT DO YOU THINK, JOE? ARE YOU GETTING THE JOB?
COULD BE. I HOPE SO.

"AGAIN THAT ENDLESS CHATTER WHILE THE MINUTES DRAGGED BY...
BOY, THAT SURE WOULD BE SOMETHING --LANDING A JOB ON THE FIRST DAY OUT, HUH, JOE? REAL JET-PROPELLED-LIKE! NO GRASS GROWING UNDER YOUR FEET, NO SIR! YEAH, JOEY BOY, YOU GOT WHAT IT TAKES!

SUDDENLY...
I HAVE POSITIONS FOR BOTH OF YOU IF YOU CAN START WORK TOMORROW.
YEOWWW! ER... I MEAN, YESSIR!

THAT'S IT THEN. ALL I HAVE TO DO NOW IS SEE YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY CARDS.

SOCIAL SECURITY CARD?... I—I LOST MINE! D-DO YOU REALLY NEED ONE BEFORE YOU START WORKING?

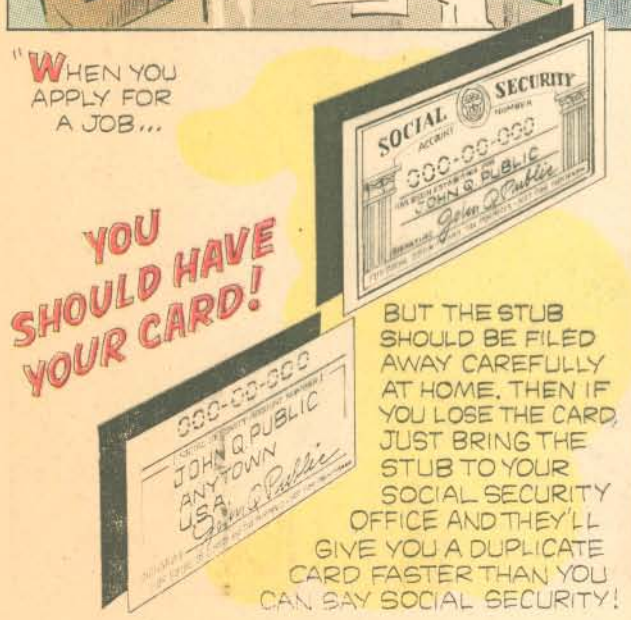
WELL, WE NEED IT TO MAKE OUR SOCIAL SECURITY REPORT, AND WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE IT WHEN YOU START WORK.
I-I GUESS I GOOFED. LET ME SEE WHAT I CAN DO.
REX! WAIT.

IT'S NOT AS HARD AS IT SOUNDS, REX. THE SOCIAL SECURITY CARD COMES WITH A STUB. MAYBE YOU STILL HAVE THE STUB SOME PLACE AT HOME! I'M PRETTY SURE...YOU TAKE THAT STUB TO THE SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE, THEY'LL ISSUE YOU A NEW CARD RIGHT OVER THE COUNTER!

GIVE IT A TRY, REX! BRING YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY CARD WITH YOU TOMORROW MORNING WHEN YOU COME TO WORK.

"FIRST REX HOT-FOOTED HOME AND TURNED HIS ROOM UPSIDE DOWN UNTIL HE FOUND...
THE STUB!

"NEXT REX DASHED RIGHT DOWN TO THE SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE...
HERE YOU ARE, SON. LUCKY YOUR FRIEND TOLD YOU ABOUT THE STUB. WE WISH EVERYONE WOULD REMEMBER THAT!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YOU SHOULD HAVE YOUR CARD!
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BUT THE STUB SHOULD BE FILED AWAY CAREFULLY AT HOME. THEN IF YOU LOSE THE CARD, JUST BRING THE STUB TO YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE AND THEY'LL GIVE YOU A DUPLICATE CARD FASTER THAN YOU CAN SAY SOCIAL SECURITY!

"NEXT MORNING...
THANKS A MILLION, JOE. I GUESS I SOUNDED LIKE A SMART ALECK...I WAS NERVOUS AS A CAT BEFORE. GUESS THAT'S WHY I KEPT SHOOTING OFF MY MOUTH SO MUCH.
FORGET IT, REX. LET'S GO TO WORK. WE'RE ON THE SAME TEAM NOW.

HOW

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE ON THE "GIVING END" OF SOME FACTS OF LIFE FOR A CHANGE? DOES EVERYBODY IN YOUR FAMILY KNOW THE **FIVE TIMES** HE SHOULD BE SURE TO VISIT HIS SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE? MAYBE THEY DO... MAYBE THEY DON'T. BUT ONE THINGS FOR CERTAIN... IT'S TOO IMPORTANT TO TAKE FOR GRANTED. THESE ARE THE

FACTS TO TELL YOUR FOLKS!

THERE ARE FIVE TIMES FOR ACTION... FIVE TIMES TO CHECK WITH YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE:

1 WHEN YOU GET YOUR FIRST JOB. BECAUSE YOU NEED A SOCIAL SECURITY CARD TO GET PROPER SOCIAL SECURITY CREDIT FOR YOUR EARNINGS.

2 AFTER A DEATH IN THE FAMILY. TO LEARN IF SURVIVOR'S INSURANCE BENEFITS ARE PAYABLE.

KNOWING THE FIVE TIMES FOR ACTION IS SOMETHING TOO BIG AND TOO IMPORTANT TO TAKE FOR GRANTED. TELL YOUR FOLKS THE FACTS... IT WILL MEAN GREATER SECURITY FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY.

3 WHEN SOMEONE HAS A DISABILITY EXPECTED TO LAST A YEAR OR MORE.

TO FIND OUT IF HE'S ELIGIBLE FOR DISABILITY INSURANCE.

4 A FEW MONTHS BEFORE SOMEBODY REACHES 65 --

WHETHER OR NOT HE PLANS TO RETIRE--TO SIGN UP FOR MEDICARE. AND CASH RETIREMENT BENEFITS MAY BE PAID EVEN IF A PERSON DOES SOME WORK.

5 WHENEVER YOU HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT SOCIAL SECURITY.

MY THIRD STORY IS ABOUT A GIRL WITH A DREAM---TO BE A NURSE. IN HER SENIOR YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL IT LOOKED AS IF SUE COLE'S DREAM WOULD COME TRUE, UNTIL SHE ALMOST MADE
The NEEDLESS SACRIFICE!
WOW! I GOT THE NURSING SCHOLARSHIP AT CITY HOSPITAL!
I.A.
SUPERINTENDENT
"SUE'S PARENTS HAD DIED IN A CAR ACCIDENT WHEN SUE WAS 12. AFTER THAT SHE LIVED WITH HER GRANDMOTHER. SHE ALWAYS LOVED TO HELP SICK PEOPLE OR TAKE CARE OF SICK ANIMALS...
"SUE RECEIVED SURVIVOR'S BENEFITS EACH MONTH FROM SOCIAL SECURITY AND HER GRANDMOTHER GOT WIDOW'S BENEFITS. JUST BEFORE MRS. COLE TURNED 65, SHE SIGNED UP FOR MEDICARE.
THIS MEDICARE BOOK JUST CAME IN THE MAIL, GRANDMA.
THAT'S NICE, DEAR, JUST PUT IT IN THE BUREAU WHERE IT'LL BE SAFE.

"MRS. COLE WAS DELIGHTED WHEN SUE TOLD HER SHE HAD APPLIED FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP.

THAT'S A WONDERFUL IDEA, HONEY. YOUR MOM AND DAD WOULD HAVE BEEN PROUD.

AND, AS LONG AS I'M STILL A FULL-TIME STUDENT, I'LL GET MY SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS TILL I'M 22.

"BUT THEN MRS. COLE'S EYESIGHT BEGAN TO FAIL...

I FEEL JUST TERRIBLE THAT YOU HAVE TO RUSH HOME FROM SCHOOL EVERY DAY TO TAKE CARE OF ME.

"THE DOCTORS HAD SAID AN OPERATION WOULD RESTORE MRS. COLE'S EYESIGHT. BUT...

WE JUST CAN'T AFFORD THE OPERATION--THE TESTS, HOSPITAL BILLS, DOCTORS' FEES...

WHAT ABOUT MEDICARE?

NO, IT PROBABLY DOESN'T PAY FOR EXPENSIVE OPERATIONS LIKE THIS.

NOW...

HOW CAN I MAKE THAT MUCH MONEY AND STILL PUT IN LONG HOURS--MAYBE EVEN WHOLE NIGHTS—AT NURSING SCHOOL?

US MAIL

I'LL JUST GET A FULL-TIME JOB AND WORK UNTIL I EARN ENOUGH FOR GRANDMA'S OPERATION. OF COURSE, THAT MEANS I'LL STOP GETTING MY SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS-- **AND** I'LL HAVE TO PAY SOMEONE TO LOOK AFTER GRANDMA DURING THE DAY. BUT IT'S THE ONLY WAY...

US MAIL

"UNHAPPY, BUT DETERMINED TO MAKE THE SACRIFICE, SUE WENT TO THE NURSING SCHOOL TO TURN DOWN THE SCHOLARSHIP.

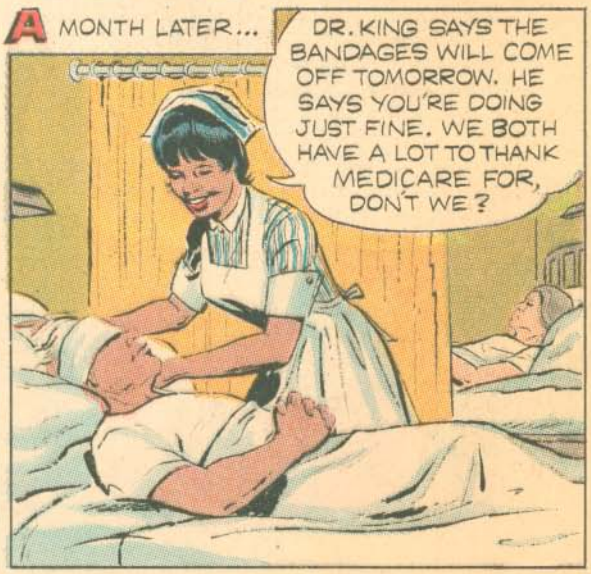
THAT'S THE STORY, MRS. JONES. I JUST CAN'T GO TO NURSING SCHOOL UNTIL MY GRANDMOTHER HAS THAT OPERATION.

AND DIDN'T YOU SAY YOUR GRANDMOTHER ALSO ENROLLED FOR THE MEDICAL INSURANCE? THAT WILL PAY FOR A GOOD PART OF THE DOCTORS' FEES.

"FULL OF HOPE, SHE RUSHED TO THE SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE...

MRS. JONES WAS RIGHT. MEDICARE WILL ALSO HELP PAY FOR A STAY IN A SKILLED NURSING HOME AFTER THE OPERATION IF IT'S NECESSARY, AND FURTHER CARE AT HOME TOO, IF NECESSARY.

YOU AND YOUR GRANDMOTHER COULD HAVE SAVED YOURSELVES A LOT OF WORRY, IF YOU HAD COME TO US SOONER OR HAD CHECKED YOUR GRANDMOTHER'S MEDICARE HANDBOOK.


A MONTH LATER...
DR. KING SAYS THE BANDAGES WILL COME OFF TOMORROW. HE SAYS YOU'RE DOING JUST FINE. WE BOTH HAVE A LOT TO THANK MEDICARE FOR, DON'T WE?

NAMES...

THERE ARE PLENTY OF THEM IN THE **NATIONAL EMPLOYEE INDEX** AT THE SOCIAL SECURITY BUILDING NEAR BALTIMORE. THEIR FILES CONTAIN...

... **2005** REELS OF MICROFILM -- EACH OF WHICH CONTAINS ABOUT **122,194** NAMES OR A TOTAL OF **245,000,000.**

... MANY NAMES ARE THE SAME

THERE ARE: 2 MILLION SMITHS 1.5 MILLION JOHNSONS
1.3 MILLION WILLIAMSES 1 MILLION BROWNS
AND 1 MILLION JONESES

EVEN SUCH LESS COMMON NAMES AS CAUDIL, FALK, HOLM AND TABOR APPEAR MORE THAN 10,000 TIMES. WITH SO MANY PEOPLE WITH THE SAME LAST NAME, CHANCES ARE GOOD THAT SOMEONE, SOMEWHERE MAY HAVE THE SAME FULL NAME AS YOU.

BUT WHETHER THERE ARE 2 OR 2,000 PEOPLE WITH YOUR NAME, YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WITH YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER. YOUR NUMBER KEEPS YOUR RECORDS SEPARATE FROM ALL OTHERS. THIS IS WHY IT'S IMPORTANT TO BE SURE THAT YOUR EMPLOYER COPIES THE NUMBER DIRECTLY FROM YOUR CARD. DON'T EVER GIVE HIM YOUR NUMBER FROM MEMORY.

UNUSUAL AGES

THE OLDEST PERSON IN THE COUNTRY RECEIVING SOCIAL SECURITY IS 126 YEARS OLD. THE YOUNGEST TO HAVE SOCIAL SECURITY CARDS ARE BABIES.

CHARLIE SMITH, WHO LIVES IN FLORIDA, IS 126 YEARS OLD AND STILL RUNS A SMALL STORE.

INFANTS "APPLY" FOR SOCIAL SECURITY CARDS BECAUSE THEY HAVE THEIR OWN BANK ACCOUNTS OR SO THEY CAN "WORK" AS MODELS FOR ADVERTISEMENTS OR T V COMMERCIALS.

JANET BAILEY WAS THE FOURTH TO HAVE A SAFE FUTURE! BUT BEFORE SHE DID, SHE WAS SURE SHE HAD SEEN...
The END of a DREAM!
I'M SORRY, MRS. BAILEY, BUT I'M AFRAID YOUR HUSBAND WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO WORK AGAIN.
LATELY THE DREAM HAD DOMINATED JANET'S LIFE. IT HAD BEEN WITH HER EVER SINCE DAN HAD FIRST "POPPED THE QUESTION."
A PENNY FOR YOUR THOUGHTS, HON.
JUST DREAMING, DAN...
THE SAME OLD DAYDREAM. THE ONE ABOUT US... OUR GETTING MARRIED NEXT JUNE... SETTING UP HOUSE. RAISING A FAMILY...
WHY CALL IT A DREAM? WITH BOTH OF US WORKING WE'LL HAVE ENOUGH OF A NEST EGG TO TAKE THE PLUNGE... WHAT'S TO TRIP US?

THE DREAM STAYED WITH HER, NEVER DIMMING. JANET WALKED ON AIR... SHE SMILED WHILE SHE WORKED!

IN JUNE YOU WILL BE A MARRIED LADY. THEN YOU WILL COME HERE WITH YOUR HUSBAND AND I WILL WAIT ON YOU.

YOU'RE NOT GETTING RID OF ME THAT FAST. DAN'S JUST STARTING OUT IN A BUSINESS... FOR A WHILE WE'LL NEED TWO INCOMES TO MAKE ENDS MEET.

THE DREAM DIMMED FOR A MOMENT, HOWEVER, WHEN HER FATHER SUDDENLY ENTERED THE HOSPITAL.

DON'T BE SILLY, JANET. DAD WILL BE UP ON HIS FEET BEFORE WE KNOW IT ...YOU GO RIGHT AHEAD WITH YOUR WEDDING PLANS.

TELL ME AGAIN ABOUT THE WEDDING CAKE, SIS.

BOBBY, IT'LL BE THE BIGGEST CAKE THERE EVER WAS AND GUESS WHO'LL GET THE BIGGEST SLICE?

BUT NOW... WEEKS LATER... DAD WAS STILL IN THE HOSPITAL AND THE DOCTOR HAD JUST SAID HE WOULD PROBABLY NEVER WORK AGAIN.

I'LL FORGET THE WEDDING, DAD! I HAVE A JOB... I'LL SEE THE FAMILY THROUGH.

NO, JANET, IT'S NOT FAIR. YOUR DREAM..

SHH, DAD, YOU MUSTN'T EXCITE YOURSELF. I DON'T MIND. WHICH DO YOU THINK MEANS MORE TO ME? OUR FAMILY OR A DREAM?

JANET PUT ON THE SAME BOLD FRONT WHEN SHE BROKE THE NEWS TO DAN.

BUT WHEN SHE WAS ALONE...

SHE NO LONGER SMILED WHILE SHE WORKED...
IT IS NOT RIGHT FOR YOU, JANET. IT IS A TERRIBLE SHAME.
WHAT ELSE CAN I DO? THERE'S NO OTHER WAY. TO KEEP THE FAMILY TOGETHER!

BUT MAYBE THERE IS! I HAVE HEARD OF SICK MEN GETTING... HOW DO YOU CALL IT... SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS! PLEASE, JANET, PROMISE ME YOU'LL GO ASK AT THE SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE.
WHY NOT? WHAT DO I HAVE TO LOSE?

SO THE NEXT DAY, FEELING SHE HAD NOTHING TO LOSE AND PERHAPS A DREAM TO REGAIN, JANET CAME IN...
LET ME SEE NOW. YOUR FATHER'S BEEN WORKING UNDER SOCIAL SECURITY REGULARLY FOR YEARS.

WELL, IT SEEMS HE WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR DISABILITY INSURANCE PAYMENTS OF ABOUT $145 A MONTH. IF SO YOUR MOTHER AND BROTHER WOULD GET $72.50 A MONTH EACH, TOO. NOW THIS IS WHAT YOU SHOULD DO...

A FEW MOMENTS LATER...
BY THE WAY, MISS BAILEY, IF THIS WORKS OUT THE WAY I HOPE IT WILL-- DON'T FORGET TO COME BACK IN JUNE AND REGISTER YOUR NEW NAME WITH US. THAT WAY YOU'LL KEEP GETTING SOCIAL SECURITY CREDIT FOR ALL YOUR EARNINGS UNDER YOUR NEW NAME...
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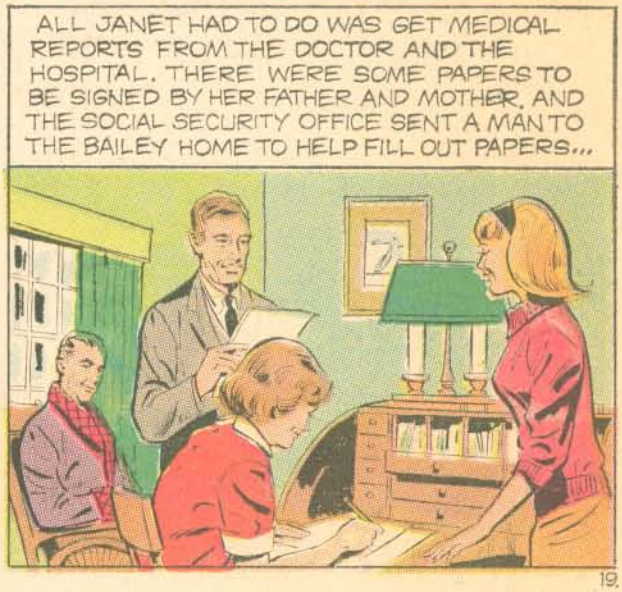
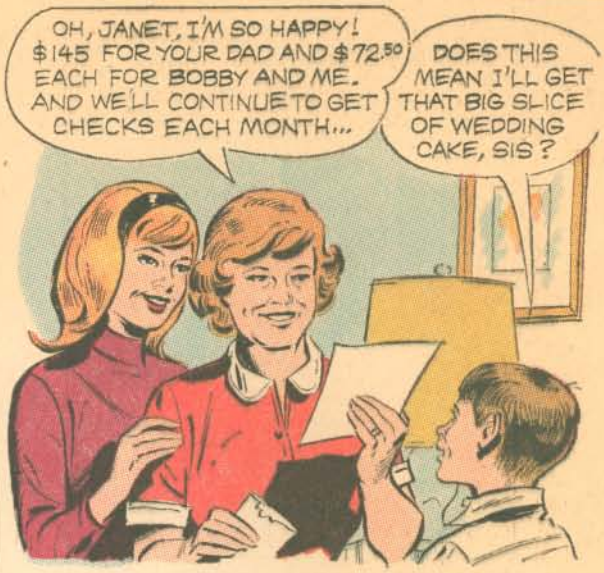

ALL JANET HAD TO DO WAS GET MEDICAL REPORTS FROM THE DOCTOR AND THE HOSPITAL. THERE WERE SOME PAPERS TO BE SIGNED BY HER FATHER AND MOTHER, AND THE SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE SENT A MAN TO THE BAILEY HOME TO HELP FILL OUT PAPERS...

NOW THE DAYS PASSED SWIFTLY, FLYING BY ON THE WINGS OF HOPE. AND THEN ONE DAY...
MOM! DAD! SOME MAIL JUST CAME FROM THE SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE!


OH, JANET, I'M SO HAPPY! $145 FOR YOUR DAD AND $72.50 EACH FOR BOBBY AND ME. AND WE'LL CONTINUE TO GET CHECKS EACH MONTH...
DOES THIS MEAN I'LL GET THAT BIG SLICE OF WEDDING CAKE, SIS?

AND SO...
SUCH A SMILE ON YOUR FACE I HAVE NEVER SEEN BEFORE, JANET! YOU ARE HAPPY NOW, EH?
WHY SHOULDN'T I BE? NOW THAT MY FAMILY'S SOCIAL SECURITY IS SEEING THEM THROUGH.

"my dream will come true!"

WELL, THAT'S THE END OF MY FOURTH STORY. NOW DO YOU SEE HOW SOCIAL SECURITY GAVE THEM THEIR FUTURE?

AND NOW DO YOU SEE HOW I HAPPEN TO KNOW THEM...?
SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE

FOUR NEW FUTURES

"I NEVER THOUGHT I'D GO BACK TO SCHOOL AFTER DAD DIED, BUT WITH THE $255 LUMP SUM AND THE $200 MONTHLY FAMILY SOCIAL SECURITY PAYMENT THEY'RE SENDING MOM... I'M BACK AT SCHOOL AGAIN."

"I NEVER KNEW THAT A MAN WHO WORKED UNDER SOCIAL SECURITY COULD RECEIVE DISABILITY BENEFITS... AND THAT HIS WIFE AND CHILDREN COULD RECEIVE PAYMENTS TOO!"

"NO TWO WAYS ABOUT IT... YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY CARD IS VALUABLE. KEEP IT IN A SAFE PLACE... AND FILE THE STUB AWAY CAREFULLY AT HOME. THEN IF YOU LOSE THE CARD, THE STUB WILL GET YOU A DUPLICATE CARD RIGHT AWAY."

"I NEVER THOUGHT MEDICARE WOULD PAY FOR AN EXPENSIVE OPERATION!"

HOW DID THE SOCIAL SECURITY PROGRAM EVOLVE? THIS CAPSULE HISTORY WILL GIVE YOU THE HIGHLIGHTS OF A VITAL LAW THAT HAS BEEN IMPROVED THROUGH THE YEARS TO KEEP UP WITH THE DYNAMIC GROWTH OF OUR COUNTRY AND THE NEEDS OF OUR PEOPLE.

1935--

AUGUST 14TH 1935

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT SIGNED THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT,

PROVIDING PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FOR THE NEEDY, UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE, AND OLD-AGE BENEFITS. MODEST MONTHLY BENEFITS TO RETIRED WORKERS WERE TO BE PROVIDED STARTING IN 1942 THROUGH CONTRIBUTIONS FROM WORKERS AND EMPLOYERS.

1939--

START OF BENEFIT PAYMENTS MOVED UP TO 1940. BENEFITS EXTENDED TO SURVIVORS AND DEPENDENTS, AS WELL AS RETIRED PEOPLE.

1940--

FIRST BENEFITS PAID TO A QUARTER OF A MILLION PEOPLE.

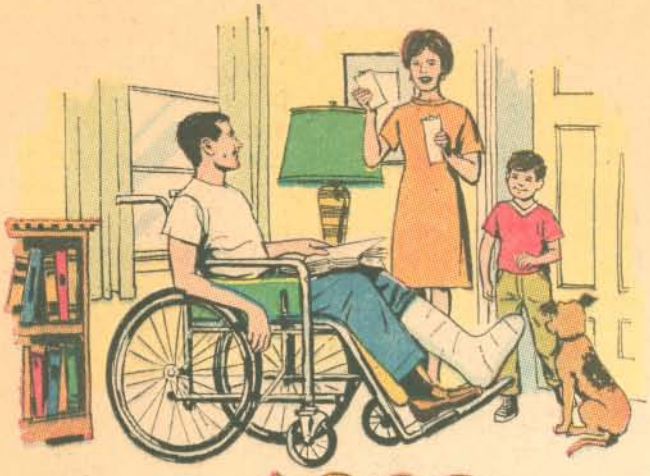
MISS IDA FULLER, A STAUNCH VERMONTER, RECEIVED THE FIRST BENEFIT CHECK. TODAY, NEARLY 3 DECADES LATER, MISS FULLER IS STILL RECEIVING BENEFITS.

1950--

BENEFIT INCREASE AVERAGING 81%. COVERAGE EXTENDED TO INCLUDE FARM WORKERS, DOMESTICS, AND A NUMBER OF SELF-EMPLOYED PEOPLE.

1954--

COVERAGE EXTENDED TO ADDITIONAL GROUPS OF WORKERS AND SELF-EMPLOYED PEOPLE.



1956--

RETIREMENT BENEFITS MADE AVAILABLE TO WOMEN--IN A REDUCED AMOUNT--AT 62. BENEFITS PAYABLE TO TOTALLY AND PERMANENTLY DISABLED WORKERS 50 TO 65. TWO YEARS LATER THEIR DEPENDENTS BECAME ELIGIBLE.

1960--

DISABILITY BENEFITS MADE AVAILABLE TO WORKERS UNDER 50.

1965--

MEDICARE ESTABLISHED--OFFERING HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL INSURANCE PROTECTION TO NEARLY EVERYONE AT 65. MONTHLY BENEFITS INCREASED AND EXTENDED TO STUDENT BENEFICIARIES 18 TO 22 AND TO WORKERS WHOSE DISABILITIES ARE EXPECTED TO LAST A YEAR OR LONGER. REDUCED BENEFITS AVAILABLE TO WIDOWS AT 60. ALL PEOPLE WHO WORK FOR THEMSELVES INCLUDED IN THE PROGRAM WITH EXTENSION OF COVERAGE TO SELF-EMPLOYED MEDICAL DOCTORS.

1967--

INCREASED CASH BENEFITS TO 24 MILLION PEOPLE RECEIVING SOCIAL SECURITY.

NEW CATEGORIES OF BENEFICIARIES ADDED TO THE PROGRAM--INCLUDING DISABLED WIDOWS 50 TO 60 AND DISABLED, DEPENDENT WIDOWERS 50 TO 62. ADDITIONAL PROTECTION PROVIDED UNDER MEDICARE TO 20 MILLION PEOPLE 65 AND OLDER.

NUMBERS...

EVERY NAME IN THE SOCIAL SECURITY FILES HAS A SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER. YOUR NAME CAN CHANGE, BUT YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER REMAINS THE SAME THROUGHOUT YOUR LIFETIME. HOWEVER, IF YOU CHANGE YOUR NAME, YOU SHOULD GET A NEW CARD BEARING YOUR NEW NAME WITH YOUR OLD NUMBER.

PERHAPS YOU'RE GETTING MARRIED SOON, OR HAVE CHANGED YOUR NAME FOR SOME OTHER REASON...

IF SO, NOTIFY YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE. YOU WILL BE GIVEN FORM **OAAN-7003**-- CALLED REQUEST FOR CHANGE IN YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY RECORDS. JUST FILL IT OUT AND RETURN IT TO YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE. A NEW CARD WILL BE ISSUED TO YOU WITH YOUR **NEW NAME** AND YOUR OLD NUMBER.

THERE MAY BE OTHER INFORMATION YOU DON'T KNOW ABOUT BENEFITS. THE PLACE TO FIND OUT IS YOUR NEAREST **SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE.**

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